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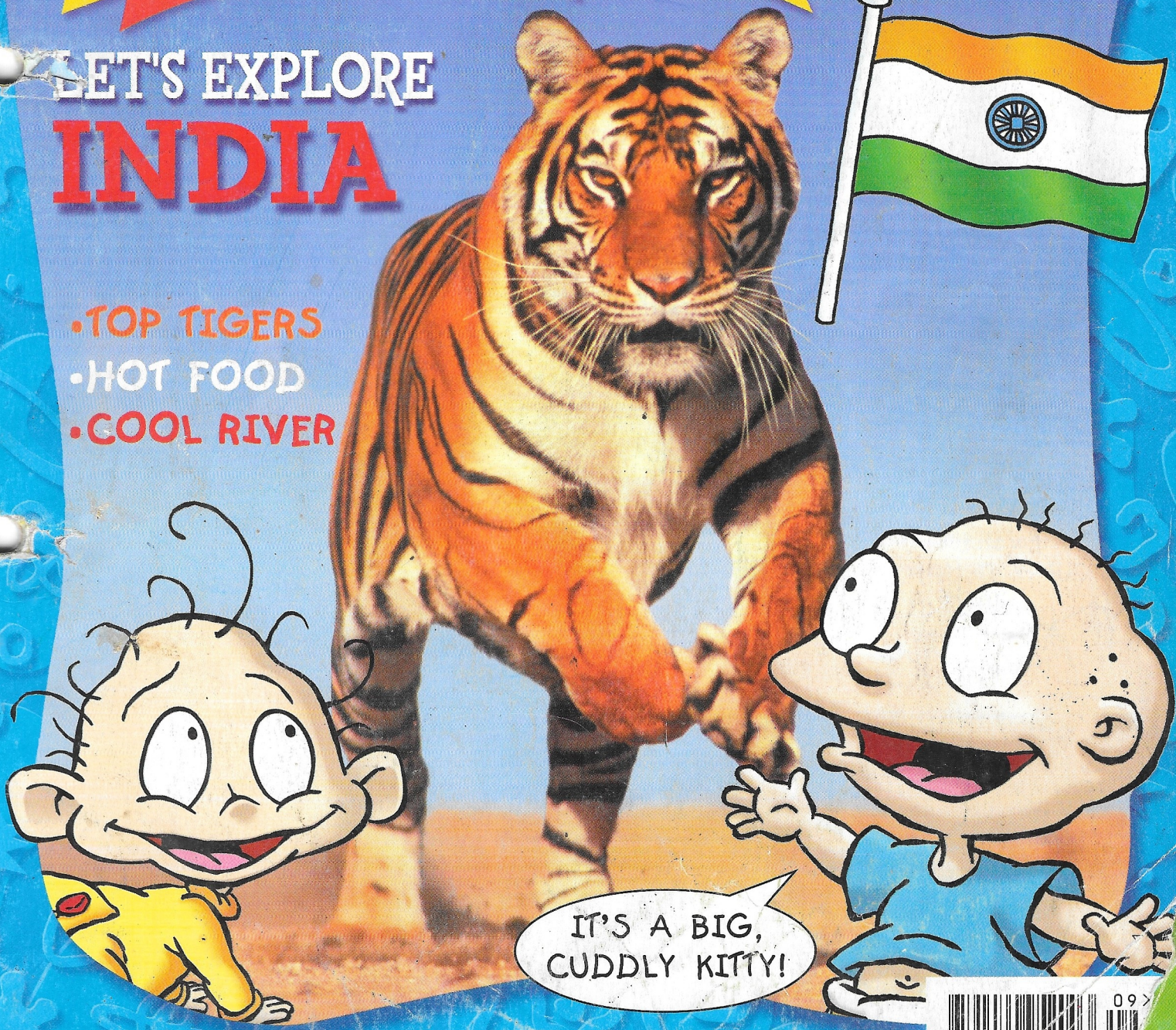

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Let's explore India

Nickelodeon Rugrats ROUND THE WORLD

Hi guys!

Phew! India is hot. I had a dip in a big river called the Ganges to cool down. There are cows in the streets, tigers in the countryside and snakes in baskets. It's great!

Bye

Tommy

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India is spectacular because...

1. People speak lots of different languages. The most popular one is called Hindi!
2. Once a year, people throw coloured powder over each other.
3. You can ride on the back of an enormous elephant.
4. Yummy stew, called curry, is so spicy it makes your tongue tingle.

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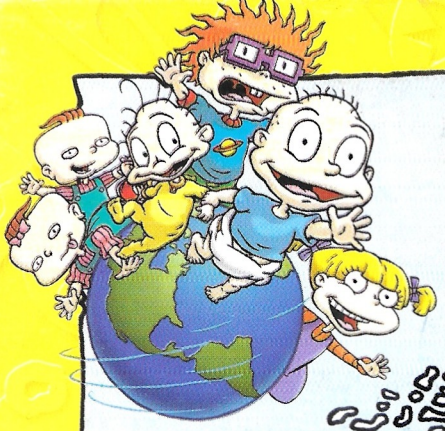

Where in the world?

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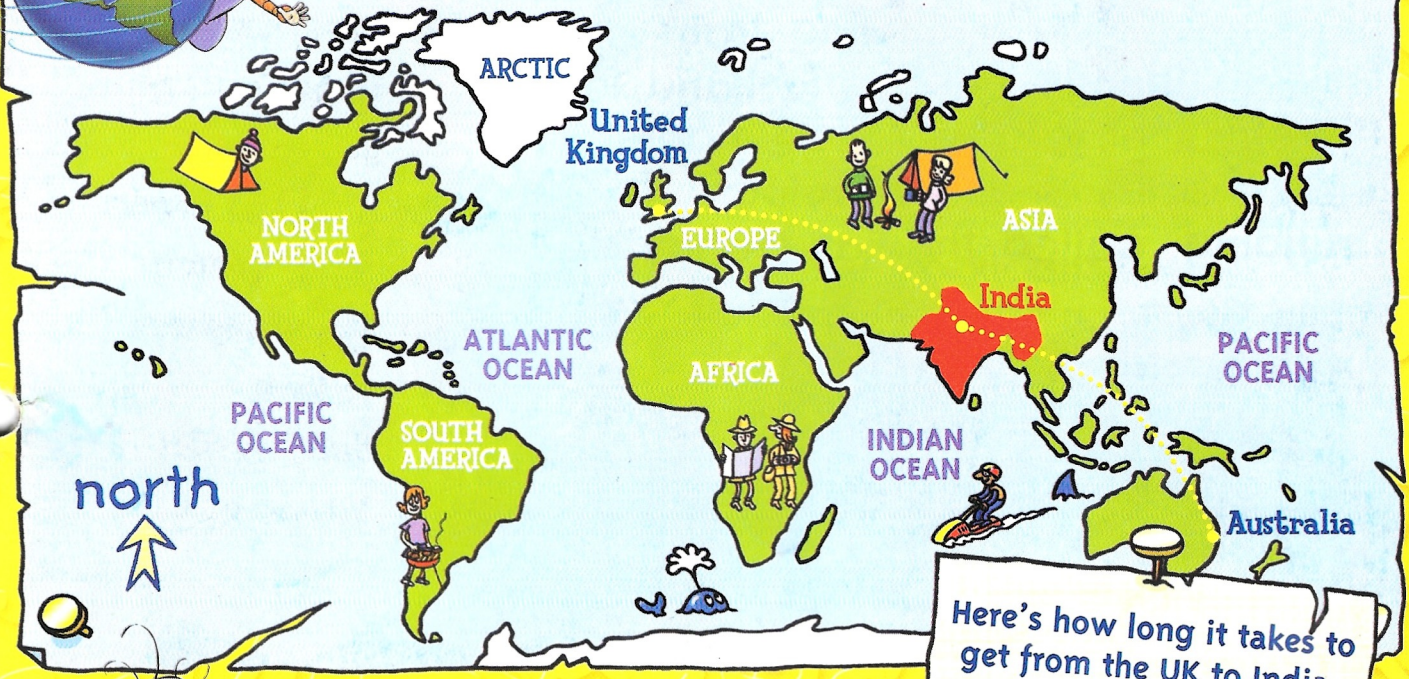


Here's how long it takes to get from the UK to India.

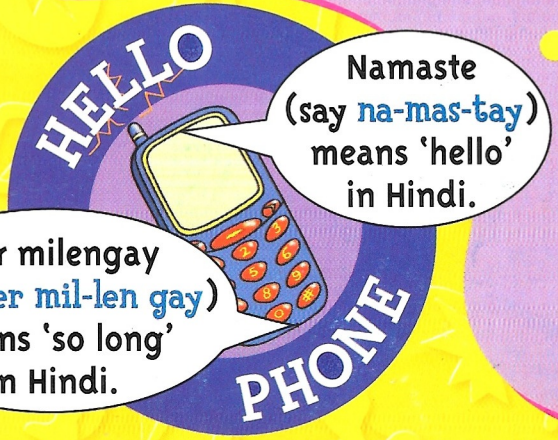
- 9 hours
- 17 days
- 2½ years

Here's how long it takes to get from Australia to India.

- 16 hours
- 22 days
- 2 years

What to pack

- Umbrella and wellies for rainstorms
- Cushion for a comfy elephant ride
- Minty gum to chew after spicy curry
- Recorder to charm snakes



Namaste (say na-mas-tay) means 'hello' in Hindi.

Phir milengay (say feer mil-len gay) means 'so long' in Hindi.

India

Hop on board a puffing train and steam through busy cities and leafy jungles. You'll spot fierce tigers, fancy birds and a fabulous building, called the Taj Mahal.

Peacock
An Indian male peacock is a feathery show-off! When he fancies a lady peahen, he fans out his long, colourful feathers. It looks like he's got over 150 eyes to see her with!

cows

DELHI (say Delly) is the capital city of India

camels in the desert

Taj Mahal

picking tea

steam train

cotton plant

I'm hun-grrr-y!

Taxis

Bengal tiger

green turtle

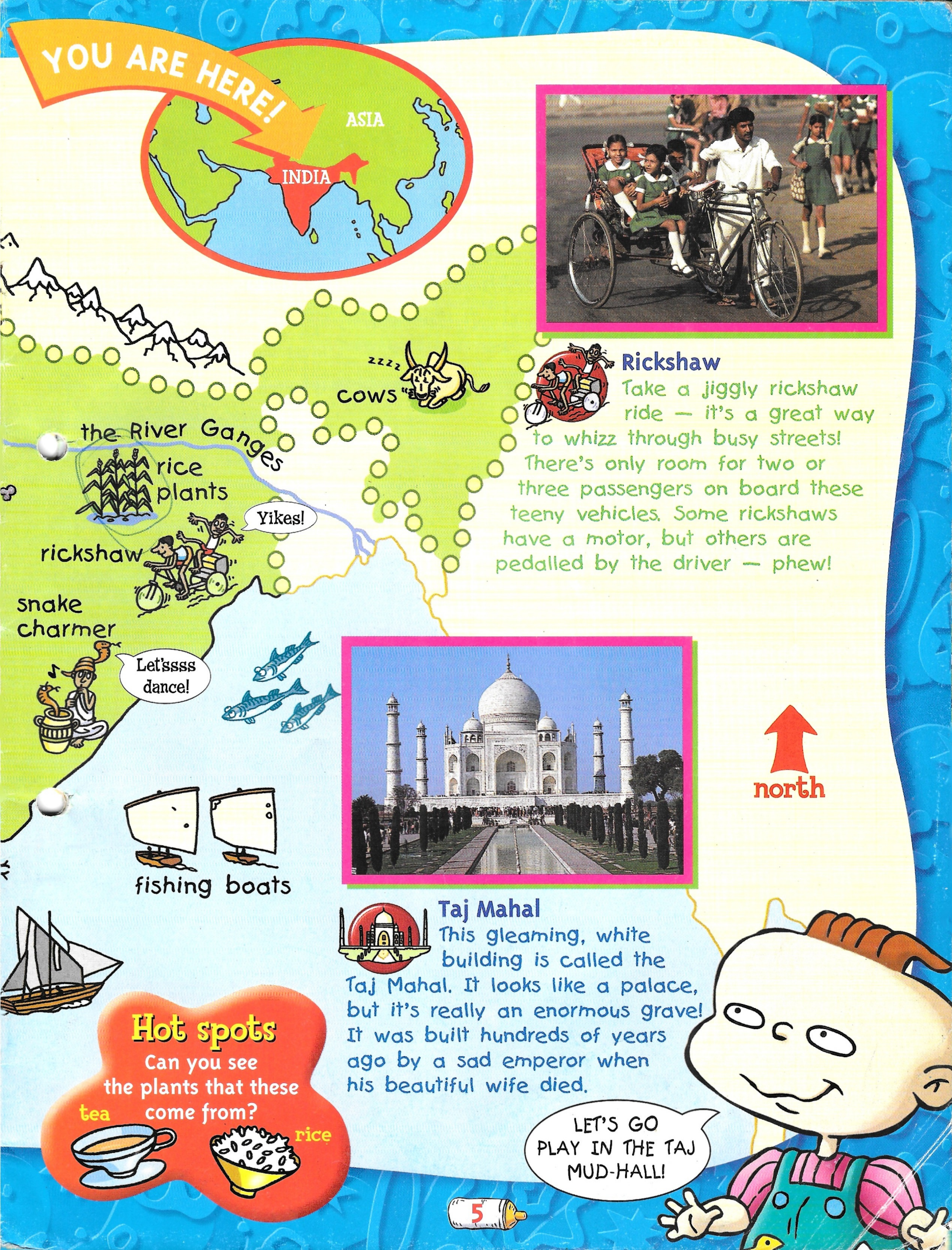
peacock

PRAWNS ARE LIKE PINK WORMS WITH CRUNCHY SHELLS!

prawns

Hi!

decorated elephant


YOU ARE HERE!
ASIA
INDIA
zzzz
cows
the River Ganges
rice plants
Yikes!
rickshaw
snake charmer
Let'ssss dance!
fishing boats
north
Rickshaw
Take a jiggly rickshaw ride — it's a great way to whizz through busy streets! There's only room for two or three passengers on board these teeny vehicles. Some rickshaws have a motor, but others are pedalled by the driver — phew!
Taj Mahal
This gleaming, white building is called the Taj Mahal. It looks like a palace, but it's really an enormous grave! It was built hundreds of years ago by a sad emperor when his beautiful wife died.
Hot spots
Can you see the plants that these come from?
tea
rice
LET'S GO PLAY IN THE TAJ MUD-HALL!
5

Great Ganges

It's a hot day and the banks of the River Ganges are bustling. People buy food, scrub clothes and bathe. Even the animals cool off with a quick dip!

Where are they?

Can you spot these members of the gang hiding in the picture?

~~TOMMY~~ ~~SUSIE~~ ~~PHIL~~ ~~CHUCKIE~~ ~~LIL~~

The watery banks of the River Ganges are great for growing rice. In India, rice is eaten with every meal.

On the river, fishermen pull in their full nets, while small boats ferry passengers safely across. Near the banks, people wash in the cool water.

In India, women wear saris, which are pieces of colourful fabric. They wrap a sari around themselves to make a flowing dress.

Village streets are lined with yummy-smelling food stalls. People stop by the side of the road to enjoy a bowl of spicy stew.

Lazy bones!
Look for a cow that's having a treat, Taking a ride on a bicycle seat!
Turn to page 23 for the answer!
MARD
MAAGH
These bright posters are for Indian films. Cinemas are always packed with people watching action movies, or love stories with lots of singing.
RIVER GANGES
Keep fit! Some people are doing a stretchy exercise, called yoga while their clothes dry in the sun.
This floating bridge is called a pontoon. When there's lots of heavy traffic crossing, it wobbles!
A sitar is a bit like a guitar. When the strings are plucked, it makes twangy, buzzing music.
I WANT TO SWIM IN THE RIVER GUNGEE!

Stripy 'n' scary

This stripy, ginger giant is a fierce, Bengal tiger. He perches on rocks, so he can keep an eye out for animals to pounce on and eat!

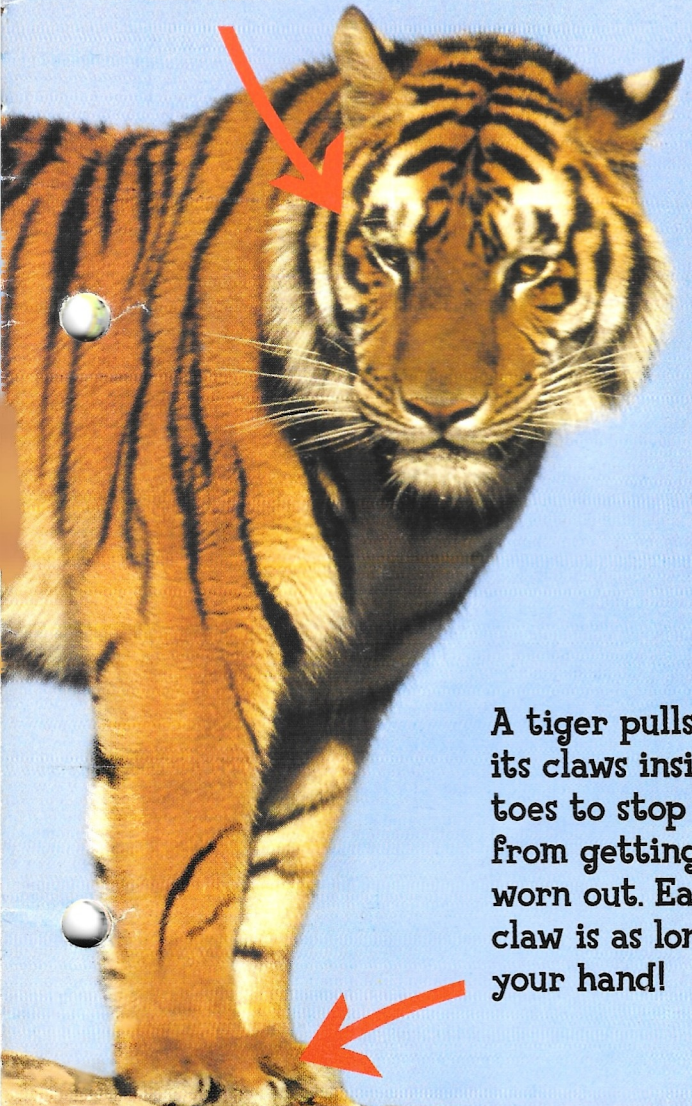
A tiger only eats meat. Its favourite snack is deer, but a tiger is big and strong enough to kill an animal that's four times its size!

A tiger uses its long tail to keep it steady as it runs in zigzags after animals.

Each tiger's coat has a completely different stripy pattern.

ICKY STUFF

A tiger's super eyesight helps it to spot animals moving about in the dark.



A tiger pulls its claws inside its toes to stop them from getting worn out. Each claw is as long as your hand!

Claw clues!

Why does a tiger put its claws away?

A because it's too kind to hurt any animals

B to stop its claws getting worn out

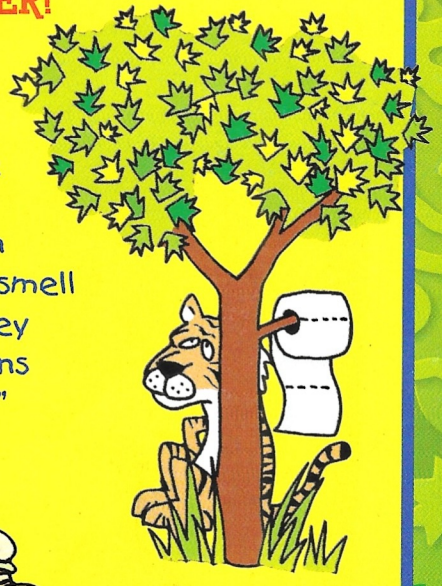
C to stop its nail varnish from chipping

Turn to page 23 for the answer!

The tiger has some really terrible habits!

POO CORNER!

A tiger does smelly poos and wees to mark out the place where it lives. When other tigers smell the smell, they know it means "Keep away!"



GREEDY GUTS!

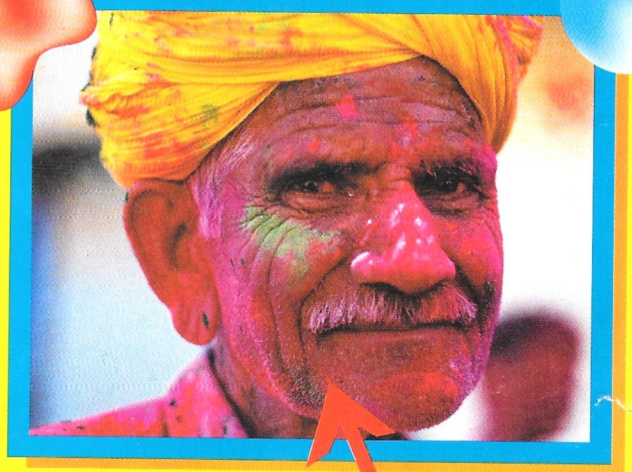
A tiger can guzzle 40kg of raw meat in one go. That's like munching 350 hamburgers. Gulp!

MAGGOTY MOUTHFUL

Tigers like to save some of their meaty meal for later. They polish it off even when the meat is rotten and crawling with worms!

Fab festivals!

Imagine being allowed to make as much mess as you like, or seeing animals dressed in party clothes. It's not a dream, it's festival time!



What a mess!

During the spring festival of Holi, people chuck brightly coloured powder at each other. Then they soak each other with coloured water!

Lovely lights

In the winter, when the nights are very dark, people celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights. Lots of tiny candles are lit in homes across India.

LOOPY FACTS

Is that camel a princess?

No! This snooty camel has won a beauty contest! Every year, 50,000 camels go on show at the world's biggest camel fair. Losers always get the hump!

Is that man's moustache smiling?

Sort of. At the desert festival there's a competition to find the best moustache. It needs to be pointing upwards to be a whiskery winner!

Top ride!

How do you get on top of an elephant?

A climb up its leg
B swing from its ears
C have a ride on its trunk

Turn to page 23 for the answer!

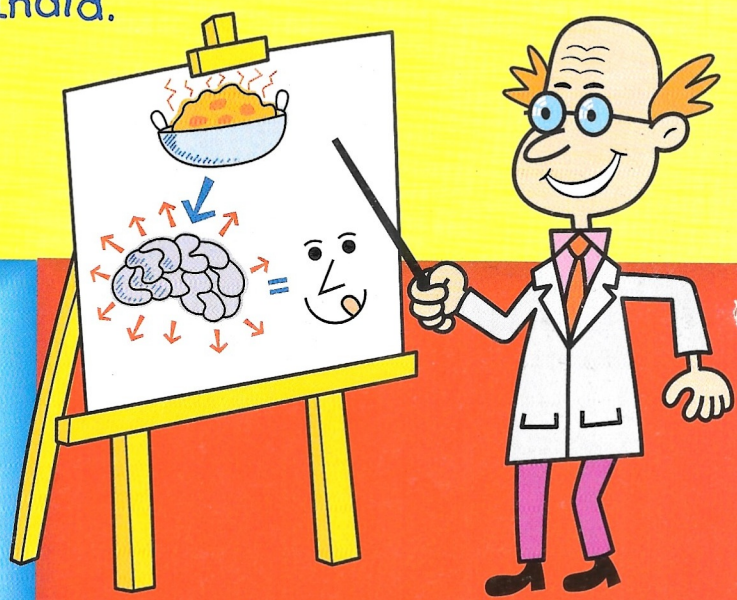
Even the elephants get dressed up for their very own festival! Jolly jumbos march through the streets wearing cloaks decorated with shiny gold and sparkling stones.

Ele-vator!
Jumbo lifts the elephant driver onto his back using his trunk! The driver gets a tip-top view from this high chair.

Giant jewellery!
It takes a lot of gold to make an elephant's bracelet!

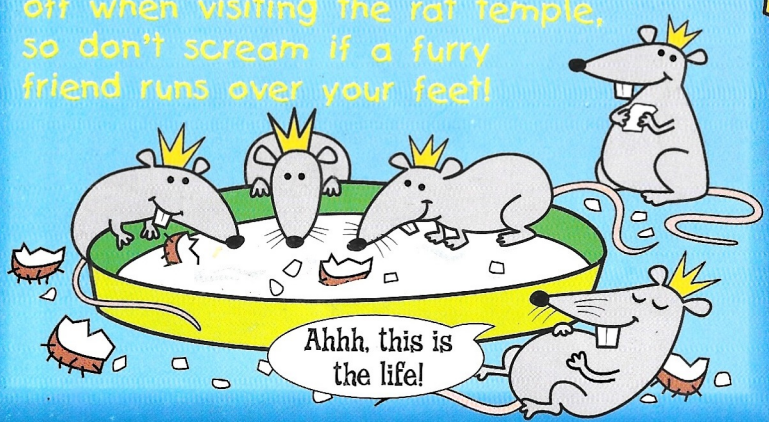
Grow your brain

The babies have been finding out some amazing facts about India. There's everything from hot, spicy food, to wet weather and wild animals!



KING RATS

Rats are treated like royalty in the village of Deshnok. A coconut feast is served up to them in their very own temple. You have to take your shoes off when visiting the rat temple, so don't scream if a furry friend runs over your feet!



HOT STUFF

Indian food is chock-full of an extra-hot spice called chilli. Scientists have found out that when you eat hot chilli it does something to your brain that makes you feel happy!

It's not a cow, it's a moody water buffalo. Don't make him mad, because he'll aim his extra-long horns at you. Even a fierce tiger knows better than to get too close!

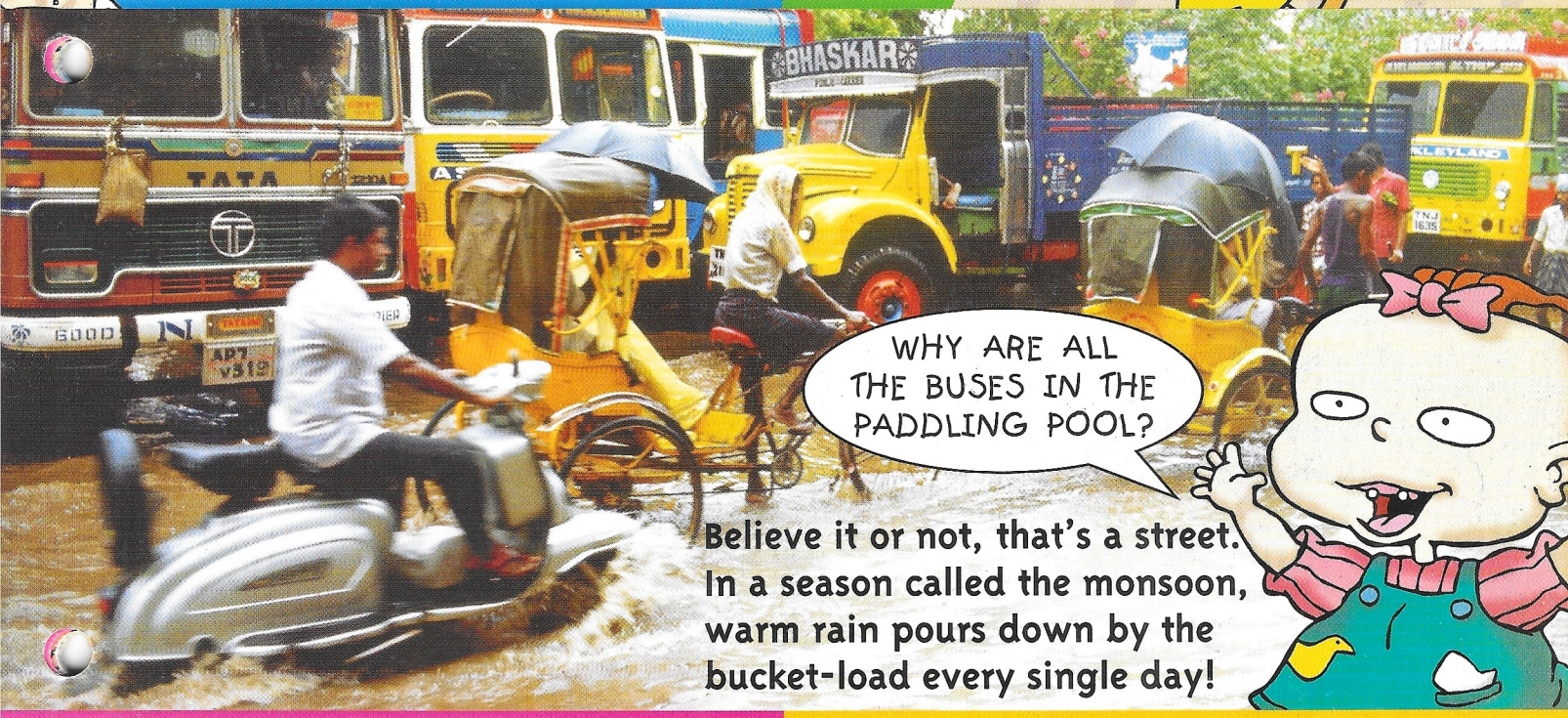
HAS HE GOT A HOT POTTY?

Yes! It gets bitterly cold in northern India. People carry a clay pot filled with hot coals under their long robes. It keeps their fingers and tums toasty!

BREATH-TAKING!

The Indian game of kabbadi is a bit like chase, but you have to hold your breath! The person who is 'it' has to prove they aren't breathing by shouting 'kabbadi' non-stop as they run about! Don't try this one at home!

kabbadikabbadi kabbadi!



WHY ARE ALL THE BUSES IN THE PADDLING POOL?

Believe it or not, that's a street. In a season called the monsoon, warm rain pours down by the bucket-load every single day!

FOUR EYES

A tiger doesn't often snack on people, but when it does, it leaps when you're not looking. The best way to confuse the creepy cat is to have eyes in the back of your head – with a back-to-front face mask!

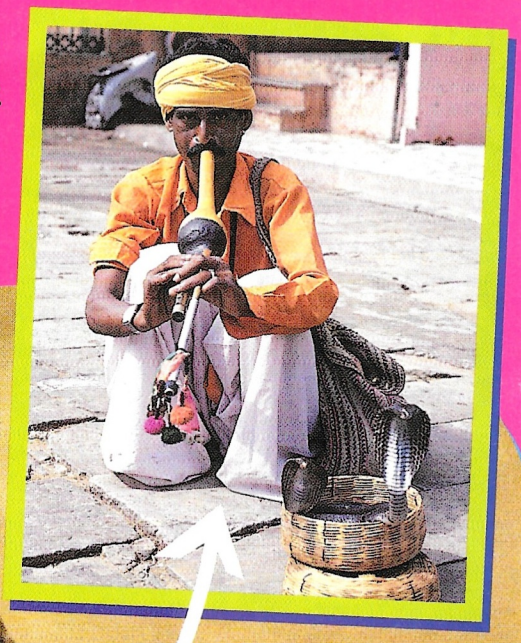
Don't stare!

YOU GET ROASTY POSTY IN THE DESERT!

In the Indian desert, the post gets delivered by camel. The letters are stored on the camel's back – not in its hump, of course!

How charming!

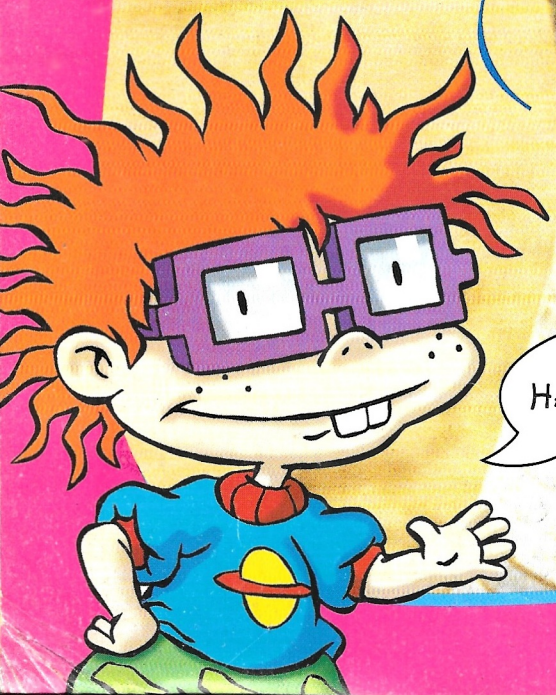
In India, you're never far away from some clever creatures. Snakes dance to pipe music, monkeys rule the rooftops and elephants go to work!



This man is a snake charmer. When he plays his pipe, the snakes in the basket seem to groove to the music. Snakes can't actually hear anything, they just follow the swaying movements of the pipe.

Make one move and you're hisss-tory.

This scaly creature is a cobra. When it is on the alert, it flattens out the sides of its neck to make itself look big and scary.



Slithery teaser

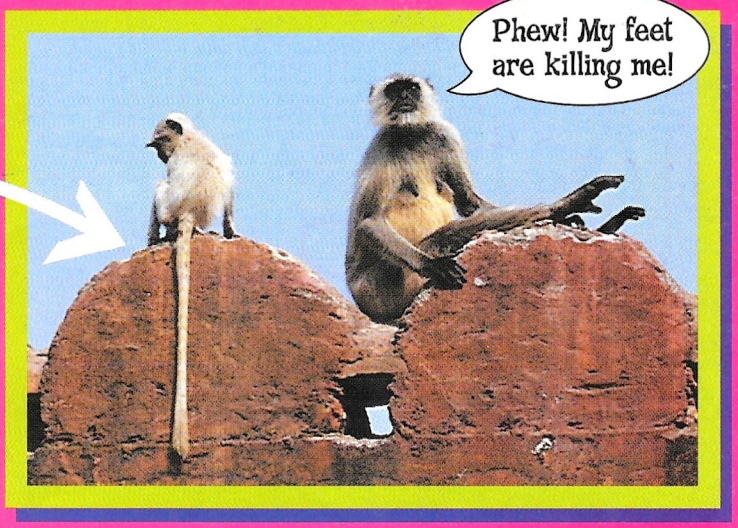
What do you call someone who plays a pipe to snakes?

A a hissy farmer
B a snake charmer
C a fake llama

Turn to page 23 for the answer!

Monkey business

These langur monkeys live on the rooftops in a town called Jodhpur. The cheeky monkeys help themselves to food from market stalls. They're naughty, too. If you stand down below, you might get pelted with sticks or showered with pee!



Hunk a trunk

Elephants help out with lots of the heavy work in India. This giant jumbo makes lifting up a tree look easy! He scoops up the huge log with his pointed tusks, then wraps his muscley trunk around it. Heave!

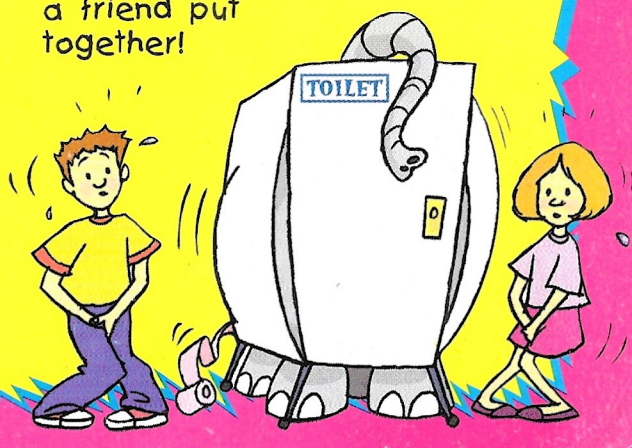
Furry-ocious facts

NOT SO CHARMING!

The cobra is one terrifying snake. When it raises itself up, it's tall enough to look you in the eye. Even elephants are scared of cobras because they're deadly poisonous.

SERIOUS BUSINESS!

It's a good thing we don't share our loos with elephants! Each day, an elephant's dung weighs about 50kg. That's as heavy as you and a friend put together!



Movie mayhem!

Welcome to busy Bollywood where many of India's films are made! Set off for the cinema and watch out for film crews and top movie stars on your way.

Get going!

Set off from the start and follow these instructions on your way to the cinema.

- **Turn around and find another route if you get held up by a traffic jam or a spilt load.**

- **Stop off on your way to buy a coconut and to get a film star's autograph.**

Escaped snake!

One of the snake charmers has lost his snake. Can you find it on page 7 of the magazine?

Turn to page 23 for the answer!

So Sari!

The babies were playing in the garden when Susie came by. "I just had my best day ever at school!" she said, excitedly.

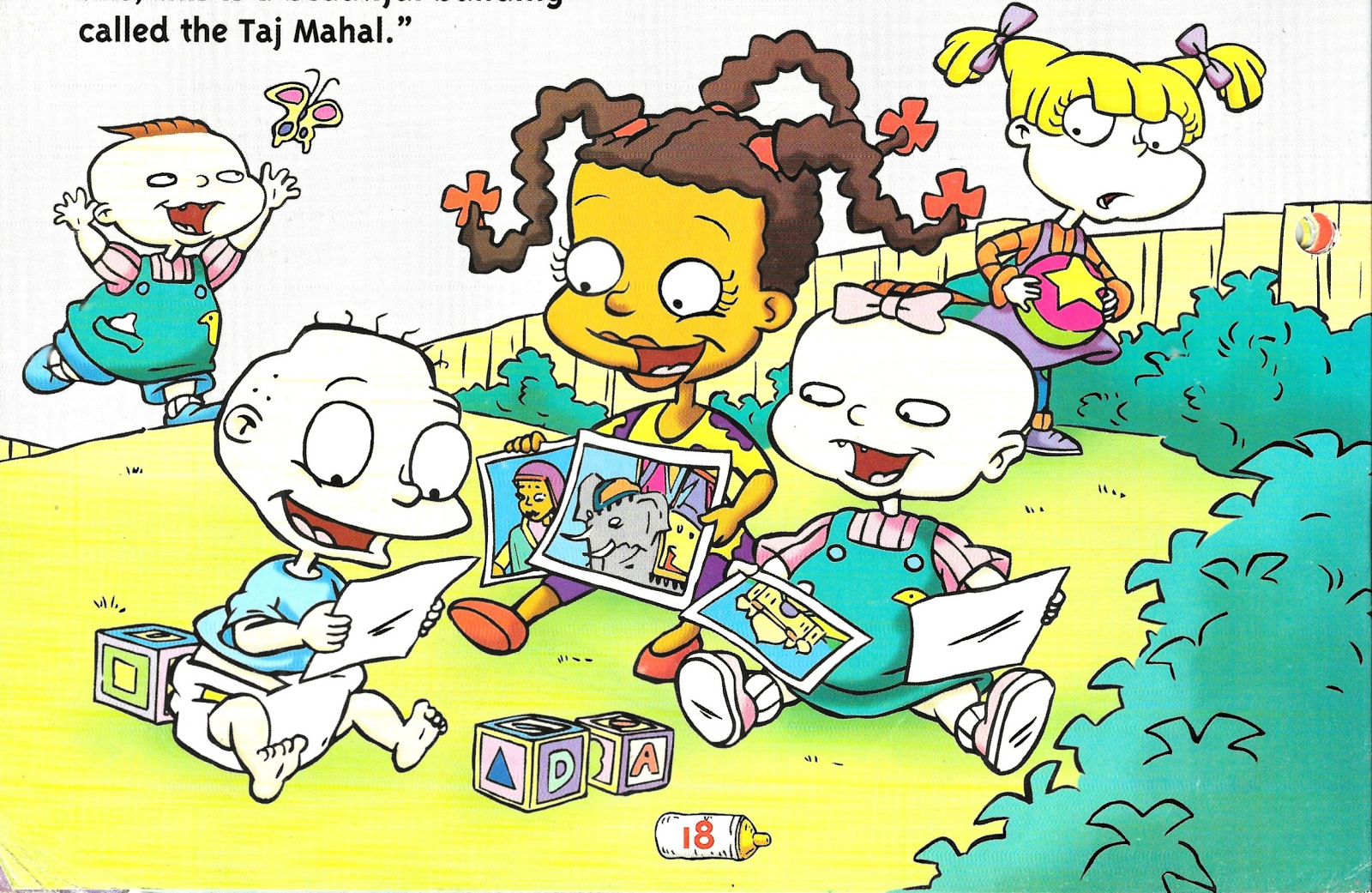
"We had an Indian festival at school and we ate Indian food and dressed up like the people in these pictures," Susie said as she handed the babies pictures of people and places in India and told them about each one.

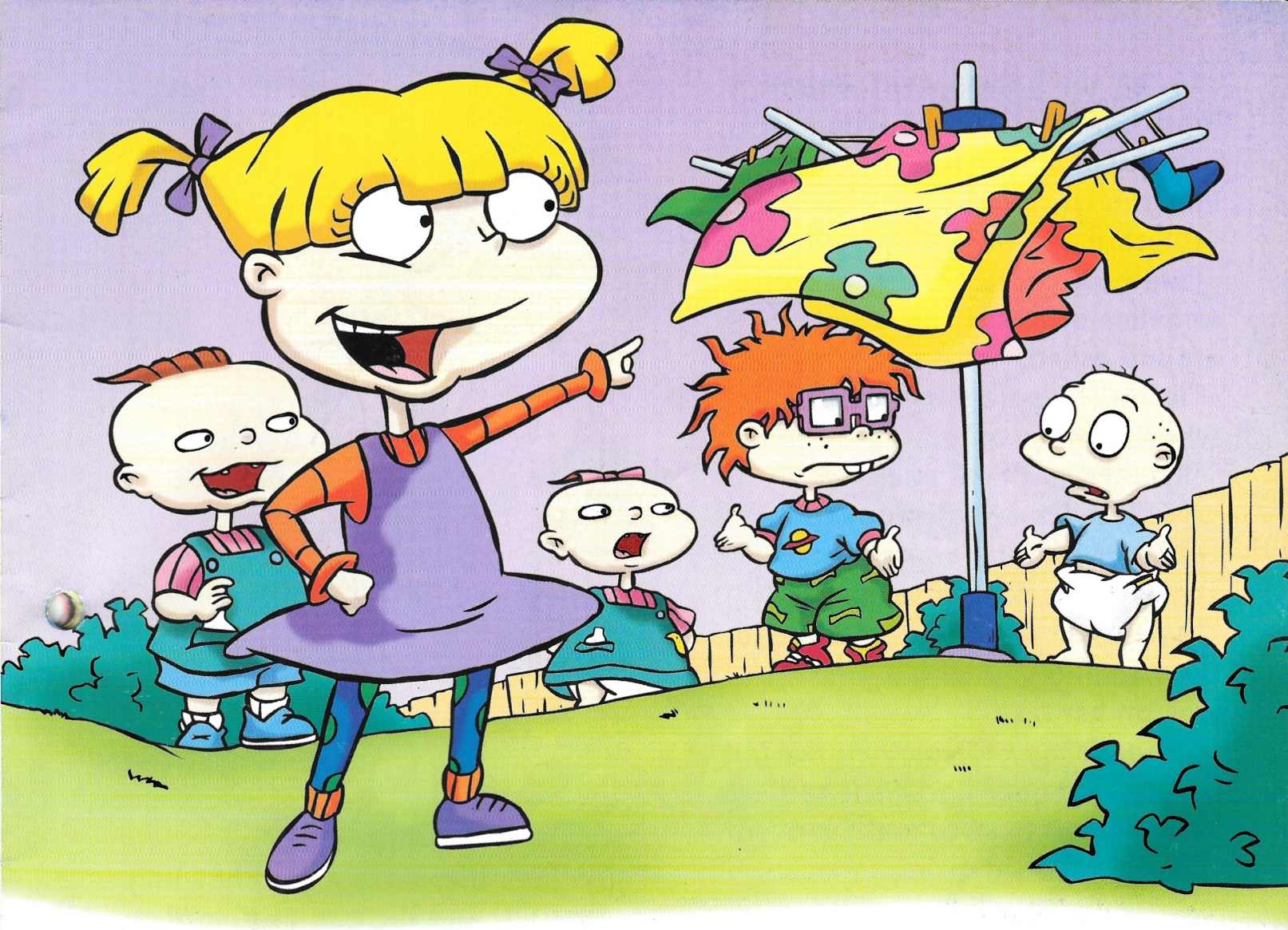
"This lady's wearing a dress called a sari and this is a picture of an elephant decorated all pretty. And this, this is a beautiful building called the Taj Mahal."

"Wow!" said Tommy, "That's the biggest house I've ever seen."

"And that's the fanciest elephant I've ever seen!" added Lil.

"Let me see," said Angelica, grabbing the pictures from Lil. "Mmm," she thought to herself, that lady does look pretty. And that Taj MyMall looks better than any shopping mall I've ever been to."





Then Angelica said aloud, "These pictures are nothing. Just wait until you see how pretty I'm gonna look at my Indian festival."

"What Indian festival?" asked Susie, suspiciously.

"The one I've been planning for ages, long before you had yours," Angelica snapped.

"Oh, sure," said Susie with a smile.

"No really. It's tomorrow. You can come if you want," said Angelica.

"Can't, I'm busy," said Susie, huffily, and she left for home.

The following day, the babies were all playing in Tommy's garden.

"Angelica, how are you going to have an Indian festival?" asked Lil.

"You babies are going to help me," Angelica replied matter-of-factly.

"But how?" asked Tommy.

"Well," Angelica said, "you go to your mum's wardrobe and get a couple of her prettiest scarves. You don't have to tell her 'cause we're only borrowing them."

"I guess that's okay," replied Tommy, doubtfully.

"Phil and Lil, you get me that flowery tablecloth from the washing line over there. That'll be perfect for my Indian sari."

So, off the babies went. Before long, Tommy returned with a handful of lovely scarves. Then, Phil and Lil came back with the tablecloth.

"Right. Give everything to me," Angelica ordered. Then, looking around asked, "Where's Spike?"

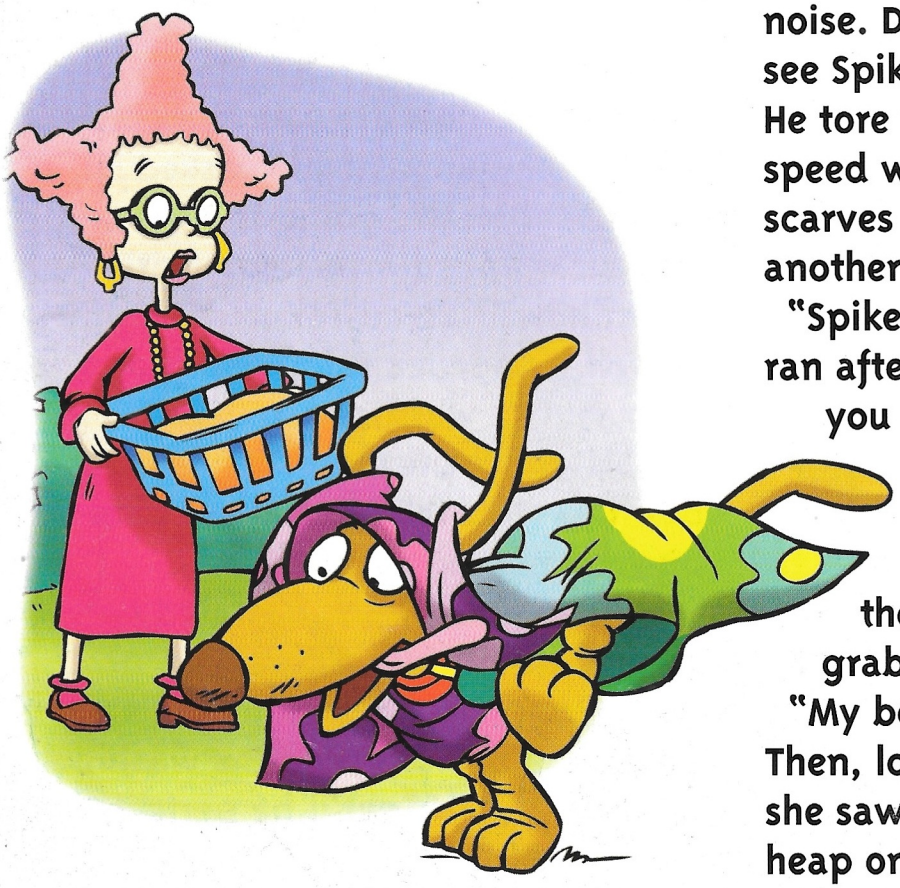
"I think he's sleeping inside. Why?" Tommy asked.

"You'll see. I'll be back," said Angelica and disappeared.

While the babies waited, they heard the back door opening. They turned to see Didi staring at the washing line with a puzzled look on her face.

"Where's my tablecloth? I hung it out here an hour ago," she said.

Phil and Lil tried to look innocent.

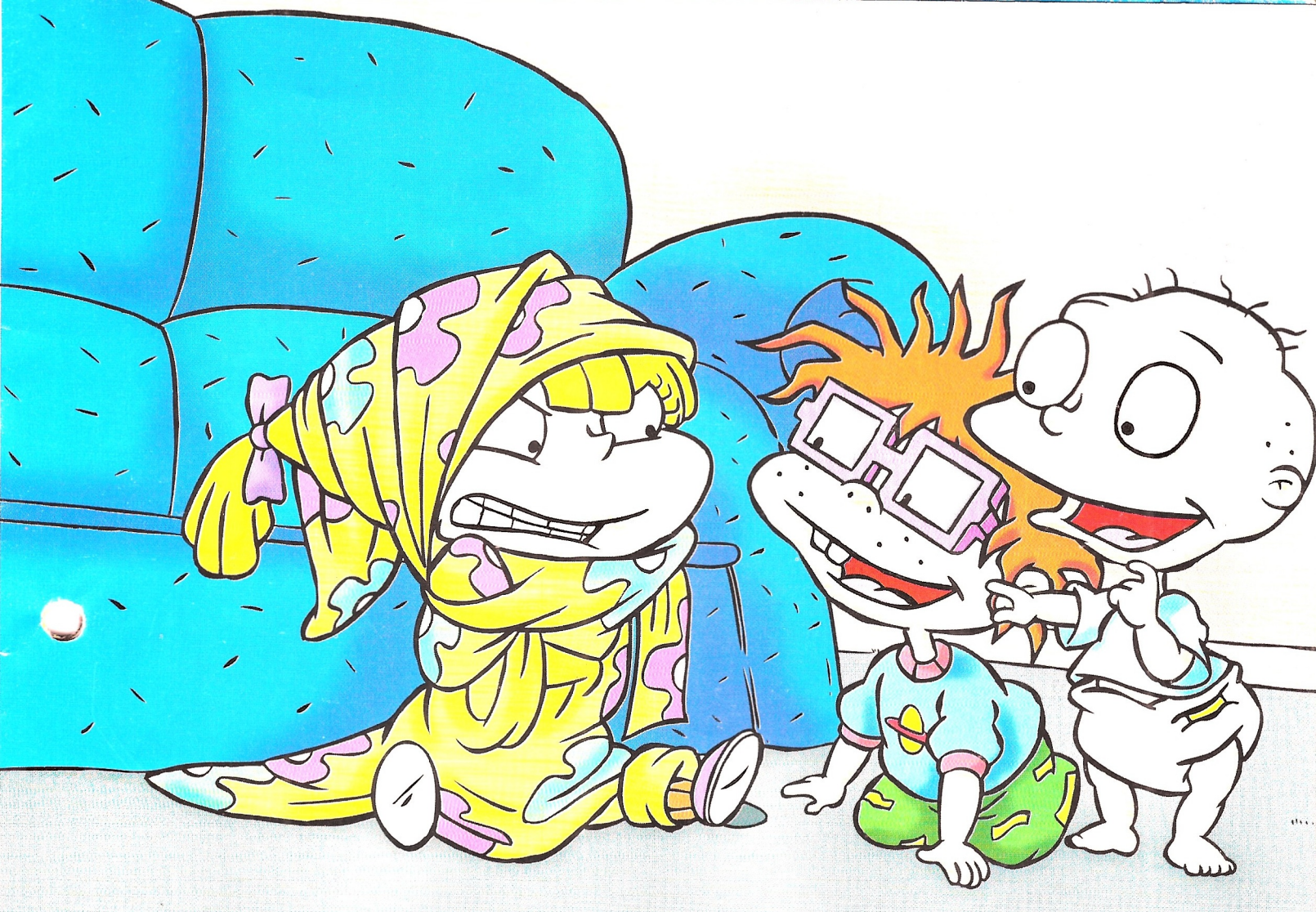


Just then there was a loud howling noise. Didi and the babies turned to see Spike running from the house. He tore past everyone at lightning speed with one of Didi's beautiful scarves tied around his middle and another tied around his ears!

"Spike!" Didi screamed as she ran after him. "Come back here, you naughty dog!"

The babies watched as Didi chased Spike around the garden and back into the house. Once inside, Didi grabbed hold of Spike.

"My beautiful scarves!" she wailed. Then, looking around the room, she saw her tablecloth in a crumpled heap on the floor.



The tablecloth was moving and strange muffled sounds were coming from it! Approaching the wrinkled mess, Didi grabbed one corner and pulled it down a bit, revealing Angelica's worried face.

"Young lady, what is going on here?" Didi asked.

"Aunt Didi, I wanted to make an Indian festival, but Spike wouldn't let me decorate him like an elephant and my sari got all twisted up when I tried to catch him!" Angelica cried.

"Well, It looks like you've learned your lesson," Didi replied and walked away.

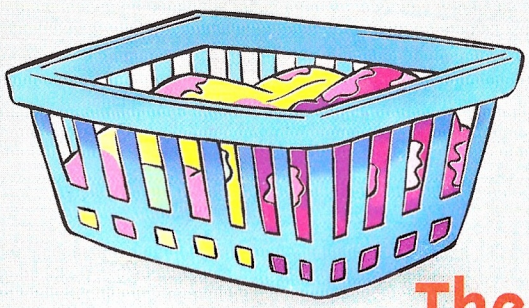
Angelica looked relieved. Then she said, "Hey, isn't anyone gonna get me out of here!"

"You know, Angelica, you'd probably get into less trouble if you stayed in there!" Chuckie said.

"Finster, get me out of here or, or..." Angelica spluttered.

"Or what, Angelica? I'll be SARI?" Chuckie grinned.

And everyone laughed! Everyone, except Angelica, that is.



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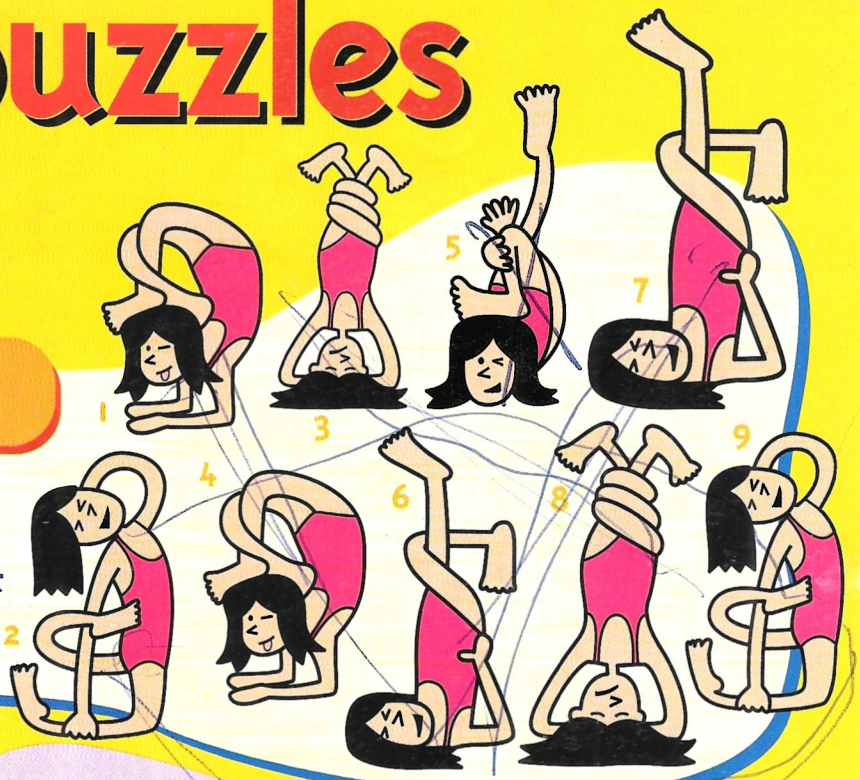
Potty puzzles

Ok, clever clogs, have a go at these teasers!

Tricky tangles

Match up these ladies doing bendy yoga moves to make three pairs. One person doesn't have a pair. Which one?



HO, HO!

Q How do farmers count cows?

A On a cowculator!

Q Are cobras good dancers?

A Yes, they're fang-tastic!

TEE, HEE!

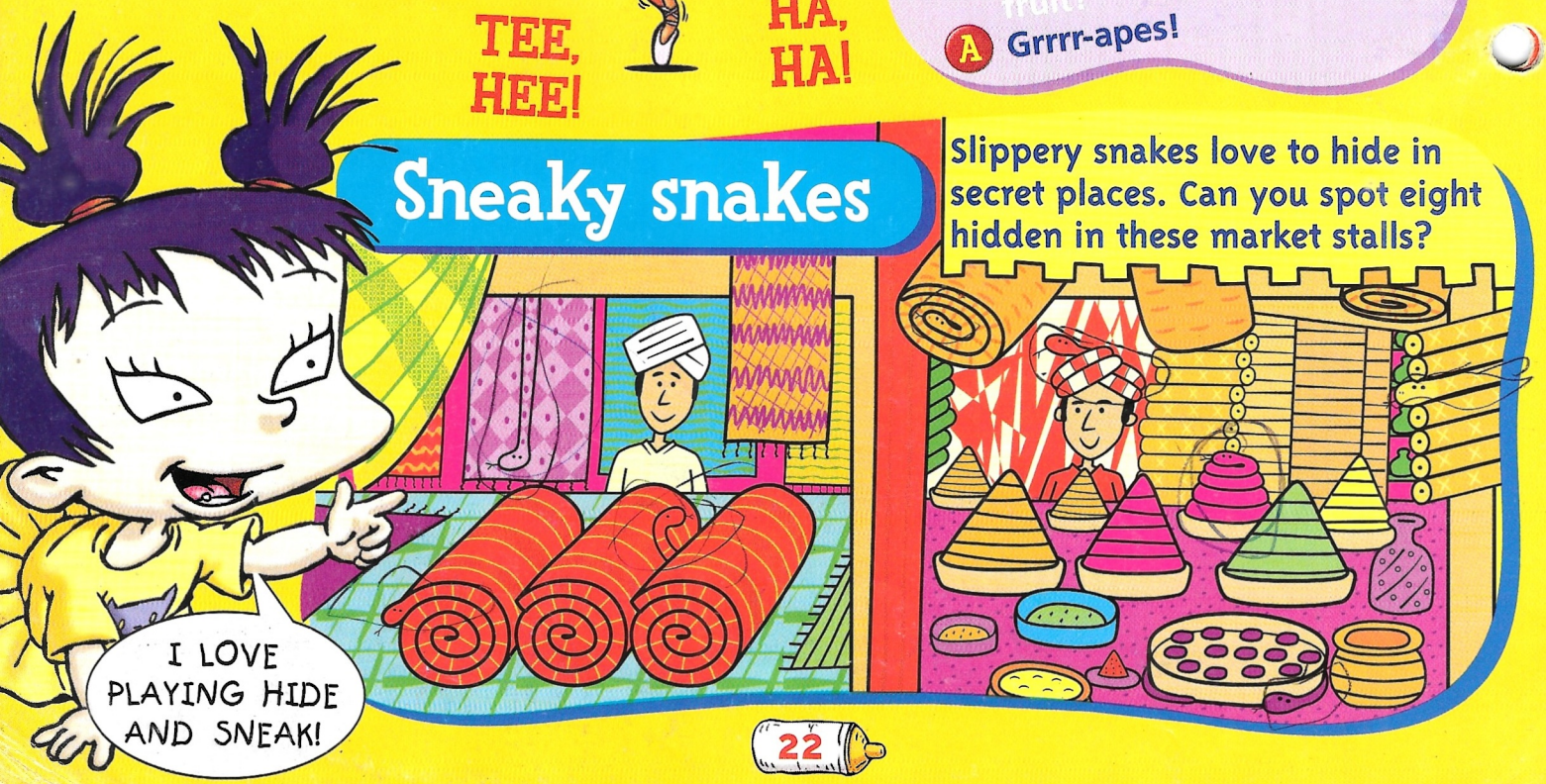
HA, HA!

Q What's a tiger's favourite fruit?

A Grrrr-apes!

Sneaky snakes

Slippery snakes love to hide in secret places. Can you spot eight hidden in these market stalls?



Meet the gang!

Reptar

Job	Being the babies' hero
Age	10 dinosaur years
Address	Reptar World
Motto	Grrrrrrrr!
Fave food	Anything!
Best features	His green scales and scary claws
Worst habit	Crushing things with his big feet

Silly snaps!

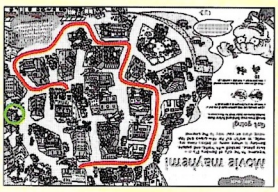
Whoops! Susie's snaps haven't come out too well!

Can you work out what these animals are?

Answers

Great Ganges Pages 6-7: The Rugrats are circled in red. The answer to 'Lazy bones' is circled in blue. The answer to 'Escaped snake!' on page 17 is circled in green.

Movie mayhem! Pages 16-17: The person who is being splashed by a car is circled in green.



POTTY PUZZLES: Pages 22-23

Stripy 'n' scary! Pages 8-9: The answer to 'Claw clues!' is B - to keep its claws nice and sharp.

Fab festivals! Pages 10-11: The answer to 'Top ride!' is C - have a ride on its trunk.

How charming! Pages 14-15: The answer to 'Slithery teaser' is B - a snake charmer.

Tricky tangles: The pairs are: 1 and 4, 2 and 9 and 3 and 8. Lady 5 doesn't have a pair.

Sneaky snakes:

Silly snaps!:
A. An elephant
B. A cobra

Watch Rugrats on Nickelodeon

Whizzy quiz

Answer the questions and follow the arrows. If you're a smart cookie you'll make it to the end of the quiz!

START

WHAT IS YOGA?

a pipe

YOU'VE WON THIS CLEVER QUIZ!

stretchy exercise

curry-flavoured yogurt

THAT'S HORRIBLE!

OH, BROTHER!

with its trunk

WHAT'S A TIGER'S FAVOURITE MEAL?

football

child and chips

HOW DOES AN ELEPHANT CARRY THINGS?

WHAT DOES A SNAKE CHARMER PLAY?

NO WAY, KIDDO!

masses of meat

in a handbag

DO BE SERIOUS!

Next week we're off to **Spain**

- Angry bulls
- Cheeky monkeys
- Sunny beaches